## Holy Fire Update for NFCYM Members

Six years ago, NFCYM responded to a need for middle school engagement with the launch of Holy Fire, a one-day faith-filled event hosted by interested member dioceses. At Holy Fire, young people are invited and challenged to embrace their baptismal call and the powerful, relevant gospel of Jesus through talks by dynamic speakers, witnessing by peers, inspirational praise and worship, and rich experiences of the Eucharist through adoration and Mass. We have reached more than 34,000 middle school youth through events hosted in the Chicago, Great Lakes, Nashville, and South Texas regions.

While the pandemic hampered our efforts, the desire to offer Holy Fire continues.

Declan Weir Productions (DWP), a key partner to the success of Holy Fire from its inception, has stepped forward to assist NFCYM with furthering its impact. Beginning July 1, NFCYM will license Equipping the Saints (EQ Saints), a division of DWP, as our preferred provider for future Holy Fire events. EQ Saints will handle the production, planning, programming, and execution with NFCYM supporting their marketing efforts and participating in ongoing program evaluation.

With NFCYM's blessing, EQ Saints has already contacted several dioceses to schedule Holy Fire events: Nashville on October 1, Great Lakes on October 9, Chicago on October 14 and 15, and Los Angeles on November 6.

If your diocese is interested in hosting a Holy Fire event, contact Mayra at <u>mayrac@nfcym.org</u>. She will connect you with EQ Saints.

You can also visit NFCYM's website for more information.

Please join me in thankful prayer for the support of EQ Saints and all the young people whom our joint efforts will bless.

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